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Pvt. Zachary Sprague of the 587th Signal Battalion prepares to land a right hook to the head of Master Sgt. Sam Tidwell of Special Operations Command, Europe, during the Stuttgart Boxing Invitational Jan. 10 on Patch Barracks.

## ‘Fight Night’ in Stuttgart Area amateurs square off on Patch

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Apparently, Stuttgart is ready to rumble. More than 300 fight fans flocked to the Patch Fitness Center Jan. 10 for the Stuttgart Boxing Invitational, the first on-post boxing event in the Stuttgart military community in more than 15 years. “It was good to bring boxing back to Stuttgart,” said 6th Area Support Group Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris, who was one of several area officials to climb into the ring to present trophies to the evening’s competitors.

6th ASG Sports and Fitness Director Bryant Searcy said he was encouraged by the excitement generated for an event that was born out of a casual conversation.

“We were talking about boxing in the office one day, and we decided to give it a shot here in Stuttgart,” Searcy said. “We did some research and found out the last [on-post] boxing match here was in November 1987.

“The Sports and Fitness staff and the officials did an outstanding job, and all the boxers put forth a great effort to give us great entertainment,” he added.

Though Searcy had hoped to showcase as many as six fights, deployment-related cancellations from fight-

‘That’s why I joined the Army:  
To fight.

Pfc. Kenneth Busby  
554th Military Police Company

ers stationed in Baumholder, Hanau and Heidelberg whittled the card down to three bouts.

“We have some things to work on for the next one, but when it happens it will be bigger and better,” he said.

Searcy said he hopes to incorporate organizational pride into another “fight night” in March or April.

“We want to get the local units involved and add [the results] to the Commander’s Cup competition,” he said.

### An intense evening

Though the Jan. 10 “fight night” was shorter than expected, intensity was in plentiful supply.

Spectator Gary Badertscher said he appreciated the effort that was on display in the ring.

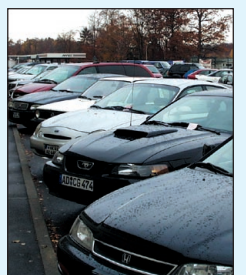
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Two teachers in the Stuttgart area introduce children and their parents to the joys of music.



## Thorns 'n Roses

From community submissions

### Roses to:

**The employees of the Auto Crafts Shop on Panzer Kaserne.** I recently visited the crafts shop to have a few things done to my car, and although it was clear that my knowledge of cars is very limited, the employees were still extremely helpful and kind.

They made what is usually a less-than-enjoyable experience for me quite pleasant!

**To the friendly cashiers at the Patch Shoppette** who always make sure my items are double-bagged so they don't break.

### Thorns to:

**Inconsiderate drivers who insist on waiting until the last minute to get their identification cards out** when going through installation gates.

C'mon, people: You know it's coming – go ahead and get your ID card out before you pull up to the gate. (And an extra thorn to those drivers – usually the same ones – who hold up traffic again by sitting at the gate while putting their ID cards back.)

**The Patch Barracks PXtra**, for insufficient customer support. Despite selling plenty of 75-watt power transformers, the PXtra fails to carry the replacement fuses. I have come in repeatedly over the past several months to get a new fuse, and each time I'm told none are in stock and no one knows when more will arrive.

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# 40 years later, dream endures

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**F**ive score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. ... One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land.

So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men – yes, black men as well as white men – would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. ... So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. ...

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. ...

Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights.

The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. ... Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity

## Speech galvanized rights movement

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of Washington, D.C.'s, Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28, 1963.

According to [www.historychannel.com](http://www.historychannel.com), "the African-American civil-rights movement reached its high-water mark when [King] spoke to the over 200,000 people attending his March on Washington."

The excerpt printed here is taken from a transcript posted on [www.usconstitution.net](http://www.usconstitution.net), a private Web site dedicated to the U.S. Constitution and other human-rights related documents.

*For coverage of Stuttgart's Jan. 12 celebration in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. see page 15.*

and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. ...

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?"

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality.

We can never be satisfied, as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. ...

We are not satisfied, – and we will not be satisfied – until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. ... You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. ...

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice [and] the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content

of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, – with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification – one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. ...

This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"





Sarah Lynn Watson as Goldee Wynn Locks (aka Goldilocks) protests her innocence in "The Trial of Goldilocks."

## PHS drama class makes the grade

Story and photos by Melanie Casey

Judging from the audience (standing room only), the inaugural Patch High School Night of One Acts held Jan. 16 in the PHS Forum was a resounding success.

The show, staged by the PHS drama class taught by Sarah Russell, included "The Trial of Goldilocks" and "Going to School." The students were responsible for everything from props to publicity.

The process of putting on a performance "teaches students the importance of taking pride in the art of creative expression. To master any performing art discipline... [requires] the student to develop the courage to face scrutiny and often times very critical opinions," Russell said.

But this show was for more than just fun: it was also for a grade. Students had to demonstrate the ability to memorize a part and a three-minute monologue, Russell said. Their success with that assignment determined which role they would play.

Russell said she was "very pleased with the students' accomplishments ... it's incredible because they did it with the added responsibility of their academic courses and home duties."



Brianna Schupp portrays the 'Pig who was Not Eaten' during a dress rehearsal of "Goldilocks on Trial."

## Coming soon: more parking on Patch

By Hugh C. McBride

Stuttgart's Patch Barracks is about to experience an increase in that most precious of commodities: parking spaces.

Drivers on Patch can expect to see more places to park within the next few months, said Lt. Col. Carl Pritchard, 6th Area Support Group director of public works.

"We have created 28 new parking spaces since Col. Bonéy-Harris took command and we have plans to create over 30 more spaces," Pritchard said. "We are constantly looking for areas to add parking spaces while still meeting force protection requirements."

Upcoming enhancement work on both general-use and handicap-accessible spaces includes the following:

- Along Finance Row (building 2325), two new handicap-access spaces will be added (one by the Community Bank automated teller machine and one near the APO). The existing handicap-accessible space along the Husky Field fence will be converted to a general parking spot.

- In Washington Square, the deletion of one bus stop and the realignment of other spaces will create 10 new general parking spaces. One handicap-accessible spot will be placed near the Patch Chapel, and two others will be located near the entrances to building 2307.

*"We are constantly looking for areas to add parking spaces."*

**Lt. Col. Carl Pritchard**

*6th ASG Director of Public Works*

- The Patch Commissary parking lot will include a new handicap-accessible space near the building's entrance and one new general-use space.

- The Patch Fitness Center will have four new general-use spaces (two in front of the building and two in the back), along with two handicap-accessible spaces near the facility's main entrance.

- The handicap-accessible space at the Patch Shoppette will be moved adjacent to the sidewalk in front of the building, freeing up the current spot for general use.

Because this plan primarily involves repainting parking-space lines and moving signs, DPW officials expect few disruptions during the realignment.

"We're trying to make the greatest impact with the least inconvenience," said DPW Engineer Stephanie Hall.

## News & Notes

### AFTB offers training on Patch

Stuttgart's next Army Family Team Building Level III training session is Feb. 2 to 5, 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in the Army Community Service conference room (Patch Barracks, building 2307, second floor).

For more information or to register call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

### Alteration shop open on Kelley

The Kelley Barracks Alteration Shop (building 3312, near Community Bank) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For details call 421-4661/civ. 0711-729-4661.

### Girl Scouts hold jamboree

All Girl Scouts are invited to an overnight "junior jamboree" in Robinson Barracks Elementary School. The event begins Jan. 30, 7 p.m., and ends the following day at noon.

This is a free event for all registered Girl Scouts and Studio 2B members in grades four to six, and snacks will be provided. For details call 0711-674-0437.

### Valentine's Day sales, specials

- The **Gussy Goose** is taking orders for its annual Valentine Rose program through Feb. 7. Roses may be picked up Feb. 12 to 14 or delivered Feb. 14.

To place an order call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

- The **Patch Youth Services Torch Club** is selling "Hug-A-Mugs" filled with treats and surprises. The mugs' \$6 price tag includes a card and Feb. 13 delivery.

For details call 430-5378/civ. 0711-680-5378.

- The **Robinson Barracks Arts and Photo Center** is offering a Valentine's portrait special Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The \$19.95 sitting fee includes 10 exposures, two poses, all proofs and one 5x7 print.

For details call 420-6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

### RB PTSA hosts silent auction

The Robinson Barracks Parent-Teacher-Student Association will hold its second annual silent auction Feb. 12, 7 p.m., in the RB Elementary School.

Tickets for this adults-only event are \$10 (\$8 for PTSA members), with all proceeds benefitting the PTSA.

For more information call Julie Burns at 0711-820-8157 or Kim Baker at 0711-577-6913.

### Stuttgart club offers scholarships

Applications for Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club scholarships (for students graduating in 2004 from Patch High School, Stuttgart International School or a local accredited home school program) will be available Feb. 2.

Eligible students must possess a Department of Defense identification card and have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of the first semester.

Application packets must be returned by Feb. 27.

For more information see Bruce Engle in the PHS guidance office, call Joni Brady at 0711-489-4810 or e-mail JBjen110@aol.com.

### Vet clinic announces new hours

The Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility on Panzer Kaserne is now open Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The clinic will also be open until 6 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 12.

Office visits and procedures are by appointment only; however, a walk-in clinic will be available Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

For details call 431-2681/civ. 07031-15-681.

### 'Black and Beautiful' on RB

The Robinson Barracks Arts and Photo Center's "Black and Beautiful" art show is opening Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. This presentation features more than 30 years of African-American portraiture.

The free event includes beverages and light snacks. For details call 420-6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

### Winter check-ups at Auto Crafts

Don't be unsafe this season: Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter. Stop by the Auto Crafts Shop on Panzer Kaserne and get a safety inspection of your exhaust system, tires and lights.

For details call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-555.



## News & Notes

### ACS helps job-seekers

The Army Community Service Job Assistance Center (Artillery Kaserne, building 203, room 3) is an excellent resource for individuals looking for work – or hoping to improve their job-search skills.

The center includes a “job board” with lists of area vacancies, computers, and – most importantly – help with creating a resume or completing application material.

For more information call 442-2777/civ. 08821-759-777.

### Bible study groups welcome new members

The following Bible study groups are available for members of the Garmisch community:

□ Armed Forces Recreation Center – Mondays, 6:30 p.m., in the AFRC Housing Area (in the Scout Room)

□ Women – Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. in the chapel

□ Garmisch – Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Chaplain Benzing.

□ Men – Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m., in the chapel.

Newcomers are always welcome. For more information call 440-2819/civ. 08821-750-819.

### Students serve in Czech Republic

Garmisch’s Club Beyond is taking a group of high school students to the Czech Republic April 3 to 10 to participate in an international service project. Cost for the week is \$299, with fundraising opportunities available to help reduce the fee.

For more information about a trip you won’t forget call Brian or Bonnie Hershey at 0610-555-1463.

### Arts & Crafts Center offers creative outlets

The Crafts Tree, Garmisch’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts & Crafts Center, offers a wide range of opportunities for the creative-minded community member. The following are two such outlets:

□ **Woodworking shop** – With a great assortment of machines and tools, plenty of workspace and expert instruction, the shop is a wonderful resource for both beginners and advanced craftsmen.

□ **Piano instruction** – Two teachers serve adults and children, beginners and advanced. A two-month lesson plan costs \$115, with slots filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details call Michele Schneider at 442-2475/civ. 08821-750-2475.

### Healthy Lifestyle Challenge returns

Back by popular demand: The Mueller Fitness Center is once again sponsoring a Healthy Lifestyle Challenge for Garmisch residents.

This eight-week program is designed for individuals and teams to compete for points and prizes while embracing the many facets of a healthy lifestyle.

For more information call 440-2747/civ. 08821-175-0747.

### Scouts to serve plenty of pasta

The Boy Scouts of Garmisch’s Troop 50 will be holding their renowned all-you-can-eat pasta dinner Feb. 7, 5 to 10 p.m., in the Pete Burke Center on Artillery Kaserne.

Tickets (\$8.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children) will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance from any Scout.



**Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Chavez speaks about importance of strong military families with Sgt. Michael Salazar, the 6th ASG’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and Salazar’s wife, Kelli.**

## Garmisch Soldier named 6th ASG NCO of Year

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

**A** Garmisch Soldier has been selected as the 6th Area Support Group’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Sgt. Michael Salazar, who has served with the 6th ASG Provost Marshal’s Office in Garmisch since 2001, was honored for his achievement at a Jan. 15 ceremony on Stuttgart’s Kelley Barracks.

### A leader and an example

By earning this award, Salazar has become “a leader and an example for everyone to follow,” said Command Sgt. Major John P. Pollard of the U.S. European Command commandant’s office.

Pollard, the recognition ceremony’s guest speaker, spoke about “the awesome responsibility of being a leader,” especially in times of war.

“If you are a leader ... it’s in your heart,” Pollard told Salazar. “We all know there are ‘undeclared leaders’ in the Army – and you just became one.”

6th ASG Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Chavez, who presided over the NCO of the Year selection board, said Salazar’s effort and dedication to duty shone through during his interview.

“He has the right attitude about doing his job and taking care of Soldiers,” Chavez said. “He’s someone that our Army needs to keep.”

Chavez said the final selection board evaluated NCO of the Year candidates on a variety of military-related topics and even tested their comprehension of global current events. “It was a tough board,” Chavez said “[but Salazar] studied and he persevered.”

### An outstanding NCO

Sgt. Michael Dodson, the 6th ASG PMO’s operations officer, said Salazar was a deserving recipient of this honor. “He’s an outstanding noncommissioned officer,” Dodson said.

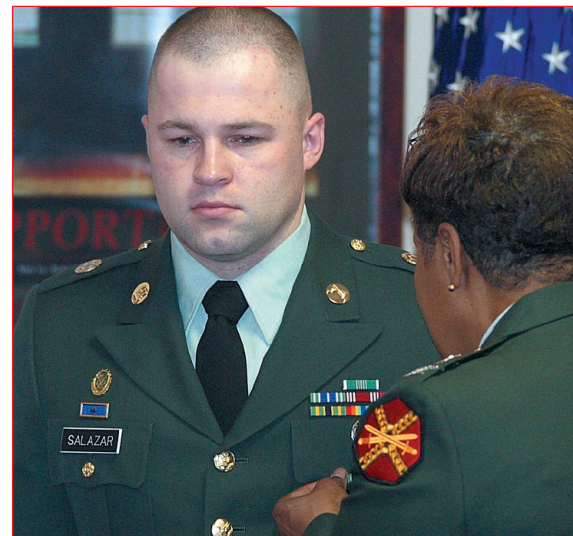
For the Soldier on the receiving end of this avalanche of praise, being named NCO of the Year served both personal and professional purposes. Salazar said he has made meeting quarterly and annual award boards a habit to help himself evaluate his progress against the military’s standards.

“It’s a matter of doing the right things,” he said.

Along with the personal affirmation associated with earning the NCO of the Year award, Salazar said, his selection also allows him to be a more effective leader.

“The outcome is the example I will set for my Soldiers to follow.”

Salazar, who recently learned he has been selected for promotion to staff sergeant, was also presented with the Army Achievement Medal by 6th ASG Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris during the Jan. 15 recognition ceremony.



**Salazar receives the Army Achievement Medal from 6th ASG Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris Jan. 15 on Kelley Barracks.**

*[Salazar] has the right attitude about doing his job. He’s someone that our Army needs to keep.*

**Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Chavez**  
6th Area Support Group

ing the Jan. 15 recognition ceremony.

### Rewards of achievement

In addition to the honor associated with the award, Salazar also earned the following rewards:

□ A \$200 savings bond from USAA insurance and financial corporation.

□ A \$100 gift certificate and a \$90 coupon booklet from the Army Air Force Exchange Service.

□ A day trip for two and an AT&T phone card from the United Services Organization.

□ A \$100 coupon booklet from the 6th ASG Directorate of Community Activities.

□ A \$50 cash award from Service Credit Union.

Salazar’s wife, Kelli – who Chavez praised during the Jan. 15 ceremony for her consistent support and encouragement of her husband’s career, was confident her husband had earned these many gestures of recognition.

“He’s a hard worker,” she said. “He deserves it.”



# NATO School hosts defense planning symposium

## *International gathering evaluates transformation of alliance*

NATO School Public Affairs Office

**N**ATO in Transformation – Changes and Challenges was the theme for the 2004 NATO Defense Planning Symposium hosted by the NATO School in Oberammergau Jan. 15.

More than 180 high-ranking officers and officials from NATO and other invited nations were welcomed to the gathering by Assistant NATO Secretary General for Defense Policy and Planning John Colston.

Among the keynote speakers at the seminar were Professor Ioan Mircea Pascu, the minister of defense of Romania, and Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, supreme allied commander, transformation.

Minister Pascu highlighted the political and military challenges and opportunities involved with integrating new members into NATO.

Giambastiani discussed details of what transformation means for future planning. It is not just about new weapon systems and improving capabilities, he said – it is bringing changes to doctrine, organization, capabilities, training, education and logistics.

### *A mindset for change*

Giambastiani said it is understood that transformation is a mindset. It is an ongoing process that seeks to adapt and master unexpected challenges in a dynamic environment.

Transformation is a strategic opportunity for the alliance,



**Romanian Defense Minister Ioan Mircea, left, and Supreme Allied Commander, Transformation, Adm. Edmund Giambastiani address attendees of a Jan. 15 defense planning symposium at the NATO School in Oberammergau.**

Giambastiani said. The aim is improved interoperability resulting in rapid decision superiority and massed effects across the battle space.

The changes involved will be significant both culturally and intellectually, he said. The result will be an improved NATO equipped with the right capabilities to deal with the challenges of the 21st century.

*Changes to NATO will be significant and will result in a stronger, more powerful alliance.*

### *Military solutions*

Decreasing defense budgets and nationally focused programs often pose challenges to collective agreements made by NATO nations.

The alliance must assess its resources and evaluate how they should be managed to meet the demand and accomplish its mission.

NATO relies upon a strong military capability for its success and ability to support a secure environment. Therefore, negotiations between nations are taking place regarding issues such as air-to-air refueling by a multinational tanker fleet.

Discussions are also underway about the Strategic Sealift, which has been identified as an area where a shortfall exists within the alliance.

Strategic air lift and ground surveillance systems are still being evaluated.

*For more about the NATO School visit [www.natoschool-shape.de](http://www.natoschool-shape.de).*

# EUCOM Soldier lauded for service in Bosnia and Herzegovina

By Melanie Casey

A Stuttgart Soldier has been honored by the state of Maryland for his role in fostering positive international relations.

Maj. David Galles of Headquarters, U.S. European Command, has earned the Maryland Commendation Medal for his role in getting a new partnership between Maryland and Bosnia and Herzegovina off the ground.

As the Office of Defense Cooperation chief in Bosnia from August 2002 until August 2003, Galles was responsible for getting the new partnership – part of the National Guard Bureau of International Affairs State Partnership Program – started and “making sure Maryland understood the complex nature of Bosnia and what we wanted them to do for Bosnia,” he said.

Galles’ “innovativeness was instrumental in getting the SPP established and operating at full capacity in Bosnia Herzegovina,” said Lt. Col. William Everett, who nominated Galles for the award.

Galles’ work in Bosnia involved military-to-military contact between the United States and Bosnia for security assistance programs.

## ‘A bridge to America’

The National Guard State Partnership Program began in 1993 in response to the decline of communism and the fall of the Soviet Union.

The program links the National Guards of the United States with ministries of defense of developing nations around the world in an effort to help the emerging countries achieve “their rightful place in the community of nations,” according to the 2002 SPP report.

Furthermore, “These associations [will] build a ‘Bridge to America,’ establishing and nurturing bonds of mutual understanding at the grass roots level,” said retired Col. Wayne Gosnell.

Partnership activity areas include military training and education, en-



Galles

vironmental management and education, emergency preparedness, border control, senior and civic leader development and public affairs.

Through the SPP, “the National Guard’s citizen soldiers and airmen act as ambassadors from their communities and the nation,” according to the founding doctrine.

Since its inception, the SPP has expanded to pair 39 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia with 44 countries.

EUCOM’s area of responsibility includes 20 states partnered with 19 countries. For instance, California is paired with the Ukraine and New York is teamed with South Africa.

The program is bilateral, which means there is no involvement from third countries, NATO or the United Nations. The relationship is strictly one-on-one.

## Maryland connection

Maryland has been partnered with Estonia for many years, but the state’s relationship with Bosnia is a new one: EUCOM Commander Gen. James Jones recognized the partnership in January 2003.

Having learned valuable lessons from its association with Estonia, the SPP in Bosnia

## Goals of the National Guard State Partnership Program:

- ◆ Improve communications between the United States and partnership forces.
- ◆ Assist with the development of democratic institutions.
- ◆ Foster open market economies to help develop stability.
- ◆ Demonstrate military subordination to civil authorities.
- ◆ Project and represent the United States’ humanitarian values.

For more information:

The National Guard Bureau Office of International Affairs Web site  
([www.ngb-ia.org](http://www.ngb-ia.org))

“is well ahead of the normal life cycle of Partnership programs,” Everett said.

Galles said initial contact is strictly military-to-military. However, as each program develops, communication evolves to include civilian to military and eventually civilian to civilian contact.

Galles received his award in an outdoor ceremony Dec. 19 in EUCOM’s “J-Mall.” Maj. Gen. James Darden, Reserve Affairs director, presented the award.

Galles now serves as the political military desk officer in EUCOM’s Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate.

For more information about the National Guard State Partnership Program, visit [www.ngb-ia.org](http://www.ngb-ia.org).

## USAFE MSS names 2003’s ‘best of best’

The Patch Barracks-based U.S. Air Forces in Europe Mission Support Squadron has honored the following individuals for their performance in 2003:

Field Grade Officer

**Maj. Robinn Johnson**

Company Grade Officer

**Capt. Brian Angell**

First Sergeant

**Senior Master Sgt. Dave Curley**

Senior Noncommissioned Officer

**Senior Master Sgt. Damon Wilford**

Noncommissioned Officer

**Tech. Sgt. Daniel Flanagan**

Airman

**Senior Airman Gail Utkan**

Civilian

**Jerry Nelson**

Communications & Information Professional (Senior NCO)

**Master Sgt. Dale Rupright**

Communications & Information Professional (NCO)

**Staff Sgt. David Long**

Communications & Information Professional (Airman)

**Senior Airman Roshawn Burdett**

As a unit, the USAFE MSS also earned the following designations:

- Outstanding Mission Support Squadron (Category II)
- Gerrit D. Foster Jr. Outstanding Military Personnel Flight Achievement Award (Category II)
- Air Force Personnel Testing Award

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# New relief act provisions protect service members

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample  
American Forces Press Service

A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 will provide military personnel – especially those deployed or called to active duty – greater protections to handle their personal financial and legal obligations, Defense Department officials say.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the SCRA is the same as under the SSCRA: to provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in DoD's Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

"The SCRA is a significant law, because it clarifies and updates the provisions that existed in the SSCRA, while adding some additional protections," he said.

## 'Significant changes'

"Service members on long-term deployments or called to active duty should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections," Lindemann said, "or that they are paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment.

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he added.

What Lindemann called "a significant change" in the SCRA is an automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by a service member. This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings.

In the past, Lindemann said, stays were left to the discretion of the courts.

## Pre-service debts

The SCRA also makes it clear that the 6-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, Lindemann said. It also mandates that any interest in excess of 6 percent is forgiven, not deferred.

## Eviction protection

The SCRA also expands the protection against

## Significant provisions of the Service Member's Civil Relief Act:

- ▢ Automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by a service member.
- ▢ Six-percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts.
- ▢ Increased protection against eviction of service members and their dependents.
- ▢ Expanded ability to terminate vehicle leases for some deploying service members.

eviction. Under the SSCRA, service members and their dependents who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order.

The SCRA increased that maximum lease amount to \$2,400 and added an annual adjustment for inflation.

For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465. Lindemann said this will significantly increase the number of service members entitled to this protection.

The SCRA also gives service members who have received permanent-change-of-station orders or who are being deployed for not less than 90 days the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice.

## Vehicle leases

One of the more significant provisions in the SCRA that did not exist in the SSCRA, Lindemann said, is an added protection for service members who have motor vehicle leases.

Any active-duty service member who has received permanent change of station orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for not less than 180 days, may terminate a motor vehicle lease. The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," Lindemann said.

"If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

For more information about the Service Members' Civil Relief Act call the Stuttgart Law Center at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4512.

## Local CFC-O effort exceeds expectations

By Melanie Casey

When the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas effort kicked off Oct. 1, 6th Area Support Group Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris said "now is the time for all of us to dig into our pockets and pocketbooks to contribute to the CFC once again."

Dig we did.

This year's effort by the 6th ASG and U.S. European Command surpassed last year's total by more than \$25,000, with a final tally of just over \$468,000. Europewide, the campaign collected more than \$13 million, an increase of more than \$2 million from 2002.

## 6th ASG

In the 6th ASG, donors opened their checkbooks and contributed a total of \$121,704, averaging a 47.3-percent participation rate and giving an average gift of nearly \$156.

Last year, donations in the 6th ASG (including Stuttgart, Garmisch, Bad Aibling and Oberammergau) totaled \$93,870 with a 34-percent participation rate and an average contribution of \$148.

## EUCOM

Although EUCOM's total numbers this year were slightly less than last year (\$346,400 this year compared with \$348,900 in 2002), its participation rate rose from 51- to 54-percent and the average gift went from \$271 to \$280 per person.

Furthermore, "[EUCOM] had 232 fewer potential contributors [this year]. Had we had the additional potential contributors this year, our total contributions would have been much higher based on our actual percent participation," said Lt. Col. Chris Farley, EUCOM's CFC-O project officer and administrator.

## 'People opened their hearts'

Initially, it appeared as though organizers' goals would not be met. As of Nov. 1, the 6th ASG had received only \$30,000 in pledges and EUCOM had received \$125,000.

The campaign was set to end on Dec. 10. However, as the deadline neared, organizers decided to extend through Dec. 31. "So many people were deployed [organizers] gave more time for them," said Bob Rainbolt, 6th ASG CFC-O project officer and administrator.

"Making contact was the key," Rainbolt said. "People opened their hearts."

Rainbolt said that in just one day, he received four \$1,000 individual pledges and one \$5,000 individual pledge.

The CFC – created in 1961 by Federal employees as a way to combine several fundraising campaigns into one – is the only organization allowed to solicit federal employees on behalf of charitable organizations.

For more about the Combined Federal Campaign Overseas visit [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).

# Rumsfeld: War on terror remains DoD's top priority

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

The global war on terrorism will remain the Defense Department's top priority in the new year as DoD continues to focus on improving and modernizing its programs, systems and forces to make them more responsive to 21st century requirements.

During his first Pentagon briefing of 2004, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the department already has made "remarkable progress" and will continue its work to "strengthen, improve and transform our forces, modernize and restructure programs and commands ... and streamline DoD processes and procedures."

## Force balance

Rumsfeld laid out a list of initiatives, many already under way, that he said would help free the department of its Cold War-era trappings that do not support current demands.

## Also high on the agenda are the implementation of a new civil service personnel system, a rebalancing of active and reserve components and a re-evaluation of the military's global posture.

Among these initiatives is the effort to rebalance the active and reserve components throughout the services.

Rumsfeld told reporters the global war on terror, with its heavy use of National Guard and Reserve troops, underscores the importance of this effort.

## Civilian workforce

Also high on the agenda for 2004, Rumsfeld said, is implementation of the new National Security Personnel System that took effect with passage of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.

The new law gives DoD the authority to create a new framework of rules, regulations, and processes that govern the way civilians are hired, paid, promoted and disciplined within the department.

The new system will replace outdated and rigid civil service rules that many said hindered DoD's ability to carry out its national security mission. "Executed properly," Rumsfeld said, "the new system ... can play a key role in relieving stress on the force."

## Global posture

On a broader scope, Rumsfeld said the

military would continue its efforts to adjust its global posture during 2004.

This initiative involves re-examining the United States' military "footprint" in the world – much of it the result of historic, Cold War threats that no longer exist – and to revise them to meet current demands.

In addition to those at its bases around the world, Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters the U.S. military has thousands of troops on deployments across the globe.

This includes roughly 125,000 in Iraq, 13,000 in Afghanistan, more than 2,000 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and more than 1,000 participating in Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

"We have a full agenda," Rumsfeld acknowledged.

"It is what President Bush has asked of us. It is what the American people expect of us. And it is work that we intend to proceed with over the coming months of 2004," he added.



*They've got the beat*

# Kindermusik kids discover the music within

Story and photos by Melanie Casey

Part preschool, part music class and part physical education, Kindermusik classes are much more than sing-a-longs.

The students in Monica Zazworsky's "Imagine That" Kindermusik class for 3-to-5-year olds, for instance, recently visited a toy store and an ice cream shop (if only in their imaginations), chugged like a train, jumped, danced and, of course, sang songs. They also learned a new word—in French.

Likewise, in Jennifer Buxkemper's "Our Time" class for 18 month- to 3-year-olds a few days later, "choo choo" was the word of the day, and students pretended to be trains as they danced and sang their way around the classroom.

## History

Kindermusik (originally called *Musikalische Fruherziehung*) was developed in West Germany during the 1960s by a group of music educators seeking to help

"children experience the joy of learning music before beginning formal music instruction" according to information on the program's Web site ([www.kindermusik.com](http://www.kindermusik.com)).

The program was renamed Kindermusik when it expanded to the United States during the 1970s. Since that time, it has become the world's leading music and movement program for children from birth through age 7, Zazworsky said.

## Philosophy

• Kindermusik's philosophy includes the following:

• Parents are a child's most important teachers.

• Every child is musical.

• The home is the most important learning environment.

• Music nurtures a child's cognitive, emotional, social, language and physical development.

• Every child should experience the joy, fun and learning which music brings.

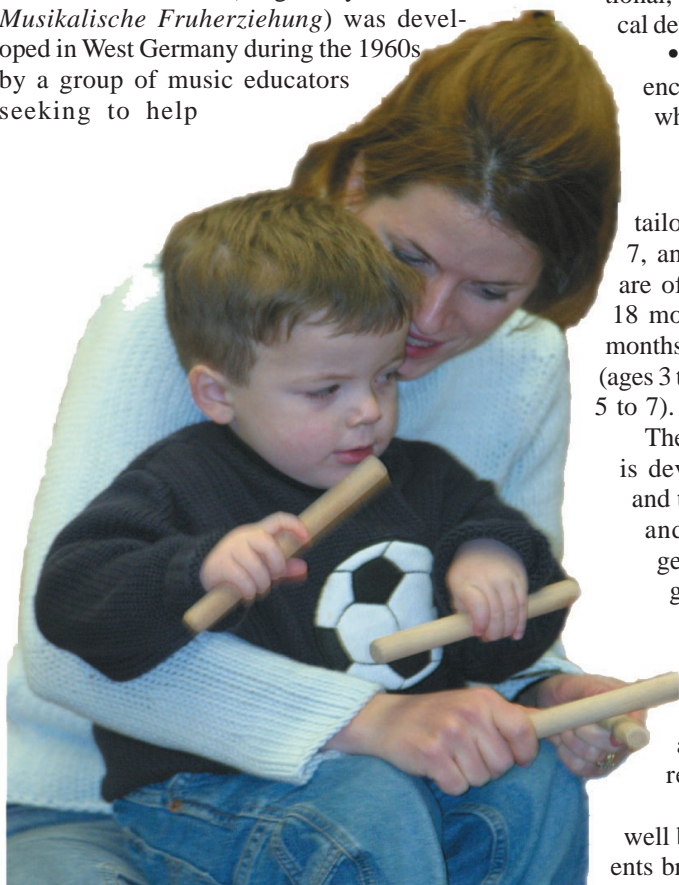
## Classes

Kindermusik classes are tailored for children up to age 7, and four different programs are offered: Village (ages up to 18 months); Our Time (ages 18 months to 3 years); Imagine That (ages 3 to 5); and Young Child (ages 5 to 7).

The curriculum in each class is developmentally appropriate and thus the tone, pace, rhythm and songs incorporated are geared for that particular age group.

Parents learn infant massage in a class for babies, for instance, and older students learn to play an instrument such as the recorder.

But the instruction extends well beyond the classroom. Parents bring the lessons home with a box full of materials – including



Jackson Bracknell, 2, plays the sticks with his mother Rebecca during a Kindermusik class on Kelley Barracks.



Kindermusik instructor Monica Zazworsky rummages through a box of goodies as 4-year-olds (from left) Nicholas Galles, Jennifer Hunt, Jessica Sydnes and 3-year-old Jasmine Sydnes look on.



Emily Brunet, 2, acts out a song and looks to Kindermusik instructor Jennifer Buxkemper during an "Our Time" Kindermusik class on Kelley Barracks.

### Village: Hickory Dickory, Tickle and Bounce (ages newborn to 18 months)

- Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Kelley Entertainment Branch
- Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Patch Youth Services
- Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Robinson Barracks Youth Services

### Our Time: Away We Go (ages 18 months to 3 years)

- Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Patch
- Thursdays, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Kelley
- Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., RB

### Imagine That: Toys I make, Trips I Take (ages 3 to 4)

- Mondays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Kelley
- Tuesdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m., Patch

For more information, or to register for classes held on Patch and RB, call Monica Zazworsky at 0715-863-130.

For classes on Kelley call Jennifer Buxkemper at 0711-726-1216.



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# Stuttgart Health Clinic serves community

## *Range of services available for area's beneficiaries*

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Heidelberg  
Public Affairs Office

**T**he Stuttgart Army Health Clinic offers a wide range of health care services and is open to all military and Department of Defense beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries include active duty service members and their family members; retirees and their family members, and DoD personnel and their families.

### **Active-duty service members**

Active Duty Service members are entitled to all services provided at Stuttgart Army Health Clinic.

### **Active-duty service members' family members**

Active-duty service members' family members are eligible for all services provided at Stuttgart Army Health Clinic to include pediatric, gynecology, physical therapy and primary care services with limited availability in optometry.

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"Providing quality health care to the people in this community is our priority," said Lt. Col. Barbara Jennings, clinic commander.

"We offer pediatric, gynecology, physical therapy and primary care services as well as active duty physical examinations. Our clinic also has an optometrist. While the majority of her patients are active duty, some appointments are available for our active-duty family members. We are taking care of all of our beneficiaries at the clinic as much as possible, referring patients who need a higher level of specialty care to our host nation health care providers."

Jennings added that a physical therapy program is available at the clinic as well as a clinic for women who have had abnormal pap smears.

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic is open Mondays to Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Active-duty sick call is 7:30 to 9 a.m. daily on a walk-in basis.

Scheduled appointments begin at 9 a.m. Immunization Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

Patients may schedule appointments by calling Central appointments at 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610. Callers should press option one to make an appointment.

Patients should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment time. The TRICARE Service Center representative is 2d Lt. Shannon Hafertepen, 430-8642/civ. 430-8642.

For more information call the clinic at 430-8610/civ. 07116-80-8610.

# Music program fires kids' imaginations

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music CDs (containing the same songs used during class), books, age-appropriate instruments and activity books or journals—that tie into the sessions.

"Repetition is key," Zazworsky said. Instructors "try to pull in the parents to show them how their children learn so they can continue at home."

### **More than songs**

Under the guise of play, Kindermusik helps students develop on the musical, cognitive, emotional, social and physical

levels.

"The main focus is to help children develop and learn through music," Zazworsky said.

Research has shown that early exposure to music improves a child's ability to "think, reason, create and express," according to information from Kindermusik. "Music makes him smarter," they claim.

Zazworsky concurs. She said music helps children with reading, math and problem solving. "They've fired their imaginations, moved their bodies in great ways, been creative and that part of their independent mind starts going."

Anna Stephenson, 4, takes Zazworsky's "Imagine That" class because "she likes music, to jump around and sing.," said her mother, Cindy.

"I figured it would be a good winter activity," she said.

Barbara Bado brought son Jakob, 2, to Buxkemper's "Our Time" class because "it's a good outlet for him. He enjoys the exposure to all the instruments and it's also good for socialization," she said.

Kindermusik can also be beneficial for developmentally challenged children, such as those with autism, learning disorders and speech impediments.

"Kindermusik is awesome for these children," Zazworsky said, "they're not limited. The music calms them, and they can get a little bit of independence."

Kindermusik classes are held on Patch, Robinson and Kelley Barracks. Registration is ongoing.

For more information about classes on Patch or RB call Monica Zazworsky at 0715-863-130 or e-mail [zaz@sprintmail.com](mailto:zaz@sprintmail.com).

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To learn more about Kindermusik, visit [www.Kindermusik.com](http://www.Kindermusik.com).



# Pugilists put pride, power on display in ring

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"Some of the fighters clearly did not have a lot of experience, but that made it that much more entertaining," Badertscher said. "You've got to give the guys credit, because they gave it their best effort."

The night's three bouts were scheduled for four one-minute rounds each, but the first fight of the night (in which Lt. Cmdr. Glenn Yeck of Headquarters, U.S. European Command, won by decision over Cpl. Luke Wilson of the 587th Signal Company) was the only one to go the distance.

The quickest bout was the event's final one, with Pvt. Zachary Sprague, also of the 587th, stopping Master Sgt. Sam Tidwell of Special Operations Command, Europe, in less than 30 seconds.

Both fighters came out swinging from the opening bell, but Tidwell twisted his knee and was forced to retire.

Climbing out of the ring with a winner's trophy in hand, Sprague said he was surprised not only by the relative ease of his victory, but that he had even laced up the gloves in the first place.

"They woke me up this morning and said they needed somebody to fight in this weight class, so I decided to give it a try," he said.

The second fight of the night was the one that seemed to elicit the greatest response from the crowd.

The 587th Signal Company's Pvt. Philip Clash, who defeated the 554th Military Police Company's Pfc. Kenneth Busby in what was easily the evening's bloodiest battle, said the event more than lived up to his expectations.

"I didn't expect such a big crowd," said Clash, who, like Busby, said he had never boxed competitively before. "I'd definitely do it again."

### A matter of pride

Clash said his performance was fueled in part by his corner man and best friend, Cpl. Roy Frank – and in part by a few naysayers who doubted his ability to find success in the ring.

"When people tell me I can't do something, I want to do it even more," he said.

The man on the receiving end of Clash's assault could attest to the power of that persuasion.

"He hits hard," Busby said. "It was going fine until I got a pretty bad nosebleed. He just went after the blood after that."

Busby and Clash traded punches until midway through the fourth round, when referee Larry Goodman stopped the fight on the advice of Capt. Michael McCrudden, who served as ringside medic.

Busby's corner man, Pvt. Enver Medrano, a fellow member of the 554th MP Co., said the result of the fight didn't diminish his respect for his friend's effort.

"I'm proud of him," Medrano said. "Our whole company should be proud of him. This shows that MPs don't back down."

Busby had barely cleared the blood from his face before he began focusing on his return to the ring.

"That's why I joined the Army," Busby said. "To fight."

*For more information about boxing or other activities offered by the 6th ASG Sports and Fitness office call 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512 or e-mail searcy@6asg.army.mil.*



photos by Hugh C. McBride  
**Lt. Cmdr. Glenn Yeck of Headquarters, U.S. European Command, lands a left jab to the face of the 587th Signal Battalion's Cpl. Luke Wilson Jan. 10 in Stuttgart.**



**[Above] Wilson gets between-rounds advice from his corner man.**

**[Right] Pvt. Philip Clash receives his winner's trophy from 6th ASG Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris.**



## Athletic opportunities abound in Stuttgart

### Boxing

- Stuttgart's community boxing team is looking for members.
- Whether you've been boxing all your life or just want to learn more about the "sweet science," this is the place for you.
- For details call 430-5424/civ. 0711-680-5424.

### Golf

- U.S. identification cardholders can play unlimited holes for the nine-hole fee in February at the Stuttgart Golf Course.
- Offer good weekdays all day and weekends before noon.
- For more information call 07141-879-151.

### Fitness

- Yoga, belly-dancing, Jazzercise and other classes are offered on a regular basis on Stuttgart-area installations.
- Beginners and experts welcome – 1st class is usually free.
- For more information call 430-5424/civ. 0711-680-5424.

### Volleyball

- Community volleyball teams are currently forming in Stuttgart.
- Coaches and players are needed for the men's and women's teams, whose seasons begin in February.
- For details call 430-5424/civ. 0711-680-5424.



# Community celebrates King's legacy

## *Overflow crowd attends MLK breakfast on Patch Barracks*

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

A standing-room-only crowd filled the Crystal Room of Patch Barracks' Swabian Special Events Center Jan. 12 to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Three days before what would have been the slain civil rights leader's 75th birthday, the 6th Area Support Group and Headquarters, U.S. European Command, sponsored a King-themed community breakfast event entitled "Honoring the Dream: The Cost, The Struggle, The Sacrifice."

The federal holiday honoring King – which falls annually on the third Monday of January – was Jan. 19 this year.

### *A day 'on'*

EUCOM Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. John B. Sylvester, who described himself as "a man who has benefited from the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," served as guest speaker for the event.

Though King embraced such tenets as nonviolence and civil disobedience during the turbulent 1960s, Sylvester said, his teaching can be applied to many aspects of today's society – including the military.

"The message is leadership," Sylvester said. "The message is change."

In her closing remarks, 6th ASG Commander Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris noted that King's example of active service is reflected in the many January events and activities that are scheduled in his honor across the nation.

"This holiday is meant to be a 'day on,' not a day off," she said. "Let us not merely reflect on Dr. King's words, let us fulfill his legacy."

### *A community effort*

In addition to speeches and a breakfast buffet, attend-

*Let us not merely reflect on Dr. King's words, let us fulfill his legacy.*

**Col. Gwendolyn Bonéy-Harris**  
*6th Area Support Group Commander*

ees were also treated to music by the Stuttgart Community Choir and Tech. Sgt. Larone E. Washington, an active-duty airman stationed at Ramstein Air Base.

The MLK event was a true community effort, said Sgt. 1st Class Carey Williams, equal opportunity advisor for the 6th ASG.

In addition to the various units and organizations that were represented at the breakfast, Williams said, an all-volunteer committee of nine service members and civilians worked behind-the-scenes to plan, organize and successfully execute the event.

### *A call for volunteers*

With MLK Day 2004 now relegated to history, Williams said his office is turning its attention to February's celebration of African-American Heritage Month.

An organizing committee for Stuttgart's Feb. 21 African-American heritage event is already meeting Wednesdays at noon in the Patch Community Club. Williams said additional volunteers are welcome to participate.

*For more information or to volunteer call 421-2892/civ. 0711-729-2892 or e-mail williamsc@6asg.army.mil.*



**[Above] U.S. European Command Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. John B. Sylvester speaks about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 12 on Patch Barracks.**



**[Right] Tech Sgt. Larone Washington entertains attendees of Stuttgart's MLK breakfast in the Swabian Special Events Center.**